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SUBJ: EXPORT CONTROL PROCEDURES IN YUGOSLAVIA

REF: BELGRADE 2413

1. ECON OFFICER GOTZLINGER HAS MET WITH YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC CHAMBER ASST SECRETARY DIMOV SEVERAL MORE TIMES TO URGE ADOPTION OF PROCEDURE WHEREBY ECONOMIC CHAMBER WOULD SEPARATELY SUPPLY TO EMBASSY, ON AUTOMATIC BASIS, END-USE/END-USER INFO ON EACH INDIVIDUAL PROJECTED SHIPMENT AS SOON AS ECONOMIC CHAMBER ISSUES ITS REGULAR CERTIFICATE TO PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER. ECON COUNSELOR HAS ALSO INTERCEDED WITH CHAMBER'S SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN RELATIONS MARJANOVIC.

2. AS RESULT OF THESE INITIATIVES, DIMOV TOLD US JUNE 27 THAT HE WOULD CONVENE ANOTHER MEETING WITH REP OF GOY AGENCIES AND WOULD STRONGLY URGE THAT CHAMBER BE GIVEN NECESSARY AUTHORITY. HE CLAIMED TO BE CONFIDENT FOR FIRST TIME THAT "WAY WOULD BE FOUND TO SUPPLY INFORMATION AUTOMATICALLY TO EMBASSY" WITHOUT NEED FOR SPECIAL PRE-LICENSE CHECK REQUESTS.

3. IN MEANTIME, DIMOV REITERATED WILLINGNESS TO COMPLY WITH ALL SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR INFO FORWARDED BY COMMERCE, BUT AGAIN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NUMBER OF SUCH REQUESTS COULD BE KEPT WITHIN REASONABLE LIMITS.

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4. DIMOV EMPHASIZED ONCE AGAIN VERY MEANINGFUL STEPS CHAMBER HAS TAKEN SINCE DEC 74 MEETINGS WITH INTERAGENCY TEAM WHICH, HE IS CONVINCED, PRECLUDE ANY DIVERSIONS OF SHIPMENTS. (SEE BELGRADE 2413 AND A-191). HE SHOWED ANOTHER LETTER CHAMBER HAS ONLY RECENTLY SENT TO EACH YUGOSLAV ENTERPRISE IMPORTING CONTROLLED EQUIPMENT STATING QTE WE ARE ONCE AGAIN WARNING ALL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS WHICH APPLY FOR END-USE CERTIFICATES TO GIVE DETAILED DATA WITH PRECISE EXPLANATION AS TO THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH COMMODITIES ARE BEING PURCHASED, ABOUT WHETHER THEY ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN A PRODUCT BEING MANUFACTURED, AND WHERE, ALONG WITH THE NAME OF THE FINAL PRODUCT, WITH AN EXPLANATION ABOUT WHERE THE RESPECTIVE PRODUCT IS, AND WHERE IT IS BEING USED. UNQTE. LETTER GOES ON TO POINT OUT THAT QTE IN CASE DATA GIVEN IN WRITTEN APPLICATIONS DO NOT ACCORD WITH THE ACTUAL STATE OF AFFAIRS, PUNITIVE PROVISIONS SHALL BE APPLIED TO ALL RESPONSIBLE PERSONS AND ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS UNQTE.

5. DIMOV ALSO CONFIDED THAT RENEWED, SWEEPING SURPRISE INSPECTION PROGRAM WILL BE LAUNCHED SHORTLY, AND THAT HE QTE HAS SOME OTHER STRONG MEASURES IN MIND UNQTE.

6. ASKED ABOUT CURRENT STATUS OF ENTERPRISES WHICH HAD BEEN GUILTY OF DIVERSIONS (SEE BELGRADE 1547), DIMOV RESPONDED THAT QTE 25 PERSONS ARE IN JAIL UNQTE, BUT THAT ENTERPRISES THEMSELVES ARE NOW FREE TO CONDUCT REGULAR BUSINESS. HE URGED THAT APPLICATIONS FOR EXPORT LICENSES INVOLVING SHIPMENTS TO OR THROUGH THEM SHOULD HENCEFORTH BE CONSIDERED BY COMMERCE ON A REGULAR BASIS, ADDING THAT CHAMBER SEAL ON END-USE CERTIFICATES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED EVIDENCE THAT CHAMBER (AND GOY) HAS ASSURED ITSELF AS TO THE PROPER USE OF EQUIPMENT TO BE IMPORTED IN EACH TRANSACTION.
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